

Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9 May 2016 in the Village Hall

Present:	Mr J Palling (JP)	Mr S Clark (SC)
	Mr C Collins (CC)	Mr T Clary (TC)
	Mrs E Precious (EP)	Mrs J Wright (JW) Clerk

Public: 6
Press: 0

1. Election of Chairman

Mr Palling was proposed by (1) Mrs Precious and (2) Mr Clark and agreed by all.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Mr Collins was proposed by (1) Mr Palling and (2) Mrs Precious and agreed by all.

3. Election of Treasurer

Mr Collins was proposed by (1) Mr Palling and (2) Mrs Precious and agreed by all.

4. Responsibilities

Planning	Mr Palling, Mr Collins, Mrs Precious, Mr Martin
Finance	Mr Palling, Mr Collins, Mrs Martin, Mrs Wright
Open Spaces	Mrs Wright
Footpaths	Mrs Precious
Allotments	Mrs Wright
Roads & Transport	Mrs Wright
Streetlights	Mrs Precious
Village Hall	Mrs Martin
HALC	Mr Martin, Mr Clary
Website	Dr Williams
CLC	Mr Palling, Mr Clark
SALC	Mr Palling, Mr Clark

5. Register of Interests

A Register of Members' Interests Update Form was distributed to those present.

6. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Martin (BM), Mrs G Martin (GM) and Mr L Barnard (LB).

7. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 April 2016 were agreed by all as a true and correct record.

8. Matters Arising

The white lines and roundabouts had now been repainted. Mr Palling said that it was not practical to install posts outside the Co-op; however, WSCC were now looking at installing a

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pavement and kerb. Mr Palling said that he would progress this plan with Chris Stark at WSCC. (JP)

Mrs Precious had determined that the number of the overgrown footpath at Little Brook was 1755. Mrs Wright said that she would report it to WSCC. (JW)

With regard to the collapsed bench on the Playing Field, Mrs Precious suggested asking the fete Committee if they would consider replacing it from the proceeds of this year's fete.

Mrs Wright had spoken to the new manager of the Co-op with regard to the debris outside the shop and the untidy state inside the shop. He said that he would make sure that the areas were swept and the windowsills wiped down regularly. The situation appears to have improved of late.

Mrs Wright had reported the dropped manhole cover in Henfield Road and the potholes in St Peter's Close to WSCC.

The request from Weald Community Church for a grant towards the cost of purchasing a new mini bus had been put onto the website.

The broken fence near to the school entrance on the A272 had been reported to WSCC.

9. The Public

Mr Rolfe commented on the state of the kicking wall area and the road surface in Bolney Road which was in need of repair. Mrs Wright had asked for the kicking wall and pavilion area to be disinfected and requested the repair of the road.

Mr Dittmer said that the public vote on VAS installation versus gate installation had revealed that the public were in favour of gates by 113 votes to 95. Mrs Wright said that she would send the appropriate WSCC contact details to Mr Dittmer so that the committee could discuss the process required in order to proceed. (JW)

Mr Cornwell commented on the problem with the kicking wall being used as a toilet. It was agreed to purchase some signs indicating that there were no public toilets on the playing field and directing people to the nearest facilities at Buck Barn. He also commented on the ongoing dog fouling problem. Mrs Wright said that she would investigate the cost of CCTV cameras and the regulations associated with installing them. (JW)

10. District Councillor Report

Mr Chowen reported on the following issues:

- Removal of the 'Shelley Folly'
- Plans for a Multiplex in Horsham

11. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard was not present and, therefore, there was nothing to report.

12. Correspondence

CAGNE: Invitation for a Councillor to join the CAGNE committee. Mr Clark said that he would interested subject to availability.

St Catherine's Hospice: Information relating to the New Horizons Appeal Fair to be held on

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Thursday 19 May 2016 from 10.30am to 3.30pm in the grounds of Cuckfield Park, Cuckfield RH17 5AB. To be put on website.

(JW)

Cowfold Horticultural Society: Thank you letter for the Parish Council's donation towards the summer planting. Noted.

Horsham District Council: Strategic Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) document. Noted.

Burgess Hill Girl's School: Offer of volunteers to undertake a project on their Community Day on Monday 4 July 2016. Although a considerable amount of ideas were discussed no agreement was reached.

1st Cowfold Scouts: Commenting on the dog fouling problem in the village especially on the playing field and an offer of support in tackling the issue. See Item 9.

Home Start: Request for donation. It was agreed that there were no funds available for this purpose but the information would be put on the website.

(JW)

13. Accounts

Nothing to report.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Clark reported on the progress made on the Neighbourhood Plan. The next stage was to meet with the consultant to discuss details and to book a stall at the village fete in an effort to gain more interest from the residents.

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15. Skateboard Park

Nothing to report.

16. Emergency Plan/Village Volunteers

Nothing to report.

17. Pavilion

Mr Palling updated the Members on the new pavilion committee meeting that had taken place before the AGM.

18. Representatives' Reports

Planning

Mr Collins read the Planning Report for May 2016.

Finance

Approval of the tabled cheques for signature was requested and agreed by all.

Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

Pond Warden

Nothing to report.

(JW)

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Roads & Transport

Nothing to report.

Streetlights

Nothing to report.

HALC

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

CLC

Nothing to report.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday 13 June 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.